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Ontario Heritage Foundation...

What is Heritage?

Ontario's heritage is our collective memory. It includes things we can see and feel like buildings, artifacts and natural landscapes. Our heritage also includes customs, traditions and ideas.

Ontario Heritage Foundation

The Ontario Heritage Foundation is dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage for all of us to enjoy now and for others to experience in the future.

It does this by:

- o holding "in trust" approximately 60 provincially-significant heritage properties, as well as cultural and archaeological artifacts;
- o holding heritage conservation easements with the owners of heritage properties to ensure that the significant heritage features of these properties are protected;
- o promoting greater public awareness of historically-significant people, places, buildings and events through the erection of plaques;
- o undertaking special initiatives to encourage public participation and appreciation of Ontario's heritage; and,
- o ensuring that the heritage of all groups is valued, including those traditionally under-represented.

Established in 1968, the Foundation operates under the Ontario Heritage Act as a not-for-profit agency of the Government of Ontario. It is directed by a board of private citizens from all regions of Ontario, who are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, based on recommendations from the Premier.

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How You Can Get Involved

Ontario's heritage is important to us all. You can help preserve our heritage by making more people aware of it, getting involved with conservation efforts in your local community, and participating in the Foundation's volunteer programs.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation encourages donations of cash, heritage conservation easements and provincially significant properties such as buildings, artifacts and natural sites. It also welcomes donations of supplies and services to assist with restoration, furnishings and the operation of our properties and programs. Gifts to the Foundation are gifts to the Crown and generate a charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes.

The Foundation publishes *Heritage Matters*, its corporate newsletter, three times a year.

For more information about the Foundation's programs, how to donate, or to be added to the newsletter circulation and general mailing list, please contact:

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